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Lakshdweep**	
Pondicherry**	
TOTAL	633,397

**No Discernible forest cover.

SC observations about pollution of Yamuna

667. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in Hindustan Times dated 12th July, 2000 captioned SC : "Clear up Yamuna quicker or face music";

(b) whether the Apex Court has expressed serious displeasure over the dismal quality of water and directed the concerned State Governments of Delhi, U.P. and Haryana to keep the drains, which fall into the river, pollution free; and

(c) if so, what directions Government have issued so far to the Central Pollution Control Board in this regard and whether any follow up action is expected by the Court's deadline, till 10th October, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court, in its order dated 11th July, 2000 directed the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to file an affidavit within four weeks indicating the effective steps taken or intended to be taken to ensure that the water quality in the drain ultimately reaching Yamuna was within the allowable discharge standards. The Government of Haryana had already submitted its affidavit on this matter. The Supreme Court expressed serious displeasure over the non-compliance of its repeated orders by the

Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to control the pollution of Yamuna river. Adjourning the matter till 10th October, 2000, the Court directed the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi that if the water quality does not improve by then, not only the earlier penalty which was of fine would be directed to be realised but further action in that regard may also be undertaken.

(c) The Court has directed the Central Pollution Control Board to file its next monitoring report of the water quality of Yamuna on the date of next hearing fixed for the matter which is 10-10-2000. Following steps have been taken by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi to minimize the pollution of river Yamuna:

(i) Water polluting industries have been directed *vide* public notice in the newspapers to stop discharging untreated industrial effluents directly or indirectly into river Yamuna with effect from 1-11-99.

(ii) A total of 3177 water polluting industries have been closed as on 6-7-2000.

(iii) A total of 1121 units have installed effluent treatment plants.

(iv) 550 water polluting units in non-conforming areas have been allotted industrial plots in Narela Industrial complex.

(v) 8 Project Directors have been appointed for 8 major drains to supervise the work of identification of water polluting units and also cleaning operation of the drains.

(vi) 9 sewage treatment plants have been put into use out of 16 new sewage treatment plants. Of the remaining 7 treatment plants, 6 will be completed by March, 2001 and tenders for the remaining one sewage treatment plant have been invited.

(vii) The quantity of sewage undergoing treatment has been increased from about 1000 million litres per day to 1400 million litres per day. By December 2000, about 1730 million litres per day of sewage would be treated and by March 2001, this would increase to 1840 million litres per day.

(viii) 3 combined effluent treatment plants at Wazirpur, Mangolpuri and Mayapuri are being constructed expeditiously which are likely to be completed by May 2001. For the remaining 12 combined effluent treatment plants, tenders have been invited and contracts are likely to be awarded by December 2000.

(ix) Due to the joint efforts by Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Jal Board and Irrigation and Flood Department, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have provided 258 mild steel gratings to remove and collect suspended solids.

(x) 75 baffle walls have been erected to ensure removal of suspended solids. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Irrigation and Flood Department have erected 19.5 kilometers of wire mesh barricades on the drains, bridges and on the bank of nallas where jhuggi jhopri clusters are existing.

(xi) Out of 1173 nallas, Municipal Corporation of Delhi have completed desilting of 1138 Nallas and work is in progress in 21 Nallas.

Vehicular pollution in Delhi

668. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not yet finalised vehicular pollution norms to check pollution in Delhi and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when these norms are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.